

**Wastewater Solutions Forum  
Working Group  
BSW&S Conference Room  
June 26, 2007**

**Minutes**

**In attendance: Jon Holtzman, Terry O'Neill, Bill Simkins, Bob Sumpter, James Taylor and Devon White.**

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. Minutes for May 29, 2007 were approved as submitted.
2. Public Comment: It was noted that a member of the Resort Tax Board asked Ron Edwards if people in the Canyon area would have a choice in whether to hook up to a sewer line if one were installed. Ron said no. The member voted against money for the study.
3. Review and discuss engineering proposal:

Jon Holtzman noted that one response had been received, from HKM Engineering. The response – primarily an overview of qualifications and a broad statement of project approach and schedule – did not include a budget.

Ron Edwards noted that on the high end the study could cost as much as \$60,000. Thus far the Water and Sewer District had reserved \$10,000 for the study; a state grant for \$15,000 was available and the Resort Tax Board had approved a grant of \$20,000. That left \$15,000 to be raised.

Holtzman asked James Taylor to approach developers to identify potential contributors to cover any funding gap for the study. He also asked Shawn Regnerus to check with environmental group signers of the MOU to identify potential supporters for the study. The Forum felt support from both groups would signal positive support for the cooperative effort.

Taylor and Regnerus should be prepared to report back at the next meeting (now scheduled for July 24 at 1 p.m. at the Big Sky Water and Sewer Conference Room.)

In discussing the HKM Engineering submission several points were suggested for attention in the course of the next presentation from the company:

- (1) James Taylor: We should prioritize attention to disposal and storage alternatives. If it looks like the best options are snowmaking and subsurface disposal, shouldn't we focus first on them? Why spend seven weeks and limited resources on looking at deep well, etc unless it is a real possibility?
  - (2) Bob Sumpter: We ought to look at the cost of treating wastewater to potable water standards. That might make it easy for DEQ to approve use of treated wastewater for snowmaking; reduce concern about unintended releases of treated water; reduce or eliminate public concerns. The idea is to fully use the storage capacity and distribution systems we have – summer and winter. We won't need more storage capacity.
  - (3) Jon Holtzman: We ought to begin discussing this approach with DEQ as soon as we understand the cost and technical implications...
4. The Forum review and approved the proposed rewrite of goals and structure for the Wastewater Solutions Forum. The new description will be posted on the Blue Water Task Force website. (Copy attached.)
  5. The Forum reviewed and approved the initial message to the Community Oversight Group. After minor corrections it will be forwarded to about 150 persons identified as potential COG members. (Copy attached>)
  6. The next meeting date was set for July 24 at 1 p.m. at the Big Sky Water and Sewer Conference Room. The primary agenda will be a detailed review of the HKM Engineering proposal.
  7. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Jon Holtzman  
Chair